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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lyne A. Bonin

Serial No.: Unknown

Examiner:

Filing Date: August 1, 1996

Group Art Unit:

For: APPARATUS FOR MICROINDENTATION HARDNESS TESTING
AND SURFACE IMAGING INCORPORATING A MULTI-PLATE
CAPACITOR SYSTEM

Docket No.: 55463/101/103

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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By Steven C. Dicke

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

[] Amendment

[] No additional fee required

[] The fee has been calculated as shown:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| | (3) | (4) | (5) | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER | |
| | REMAINING CLAIMS | HIGHEST PAID | EXTRA | RATE | ADD'L FEE | RATE | ADD'L FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | - | = | | x11= | \$ | x22= | \$ |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | - | = | | x39= | \$ | x78= | \$ |
| () FIRST MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | +125= | \$ | +250 | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ | | \$ | |

- [XX] A check in the amount of \$ 419.00 is enclosed.
- [XX] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- [XX] Other: REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION INCLUDING TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT, 52 PAGES OF SPECIFICATION, 5 SHEETS OF DRAWINGS, DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY STATEMENT, PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN WITH 3 SHEETS OF DRAWING REVISIONS, INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PTO-1449 AND CITED REFERENCES
- [XXXX] Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account 14-0620.

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P A T E N TIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Examiner in immediately
preceding parent application:
D. Larkin

Serial No.: Unknown

Filed: August 1, 1996 Anticipated Group Art Unit: 2605

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By Steven E. Dicks

This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.60, of pending prior application Serial No. 08/327,979 filed on October 24, 1994, for an invention entitled APPARATUS FOR MICROINDENTATION HARDNESS TESTING AND SURFACE IMAGING INCORPORATING A MULTI-PLATE CAPACITOR SYSTEM.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of December 14, 1994, as originally filed on December 30, 1994.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/327,979 as filed on October 24, 1994, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3. The filing fee is calculated below pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment, a copy of which is filed herewith.

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| FOR: | (1) No. Filed | (2) No. Extra | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER | |
| | | | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | \$375 | XXXXXX | \$750 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 24-20= | 4 | X 11= | \$44 | X 22= | \$ |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 - 3= | 0 | X 39= | \$ | X 78= | \$ |
| () MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | | +125= | \$ | +250= | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$419 | XXXXXX | \$ |

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 14-0620.
5. A check in the amount of \$419.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
6. Amend the specification by inserting, page 1, line 5 thereof, after "application", --is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 08/327,979 filed on October 24, 1994, which--.
7. A Preliminary Amendment is attached, including revised drawings.
8. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
9. This patent application is assigned to Hysitron, Incorporated pursuant to the Assignment recorded on December 30, 1994, at Reel 7292, Frame 0173.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to NAWROCKI, ROONEY & SIVERTSON, P.A.. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file. Address all future communications to:

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Attached to this letter are photocopies of Figs. 1 and 2 redrawn, and added Figs. 2A, 2B, and 2C which indicate (outlined in red) proposed additions to satisfy requirements made by the Examiner in the parent patent application. Approval of these drawing corrections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Bonin

By his attorney,

Dated: August 1, 1996

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